

**Petersburg Regional**  
**Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes**

**August 18, 2010**

**Committee Members Present:**

Ms. Michelle-McKeever-Davis, LHRC Member  
Ms. Marie Parker, LHRC Member  
Mr. Michael Nichols, LHRC Member

**Committee Members Absent**

Ms. Isabel Vartanian, LHRC Member  
Mr. Steven Watkins, LHRC Member

**Affiliate Members Present:**

Ms. Kimberly Lindblad, Specialized Youth Services of Virginia, Inc.,  
LHRC staff support and Affiliate  
Mr. Ron Wallace, River City Residences, LLC, LHRC Affiliate  
Ms. Lashanda Powell, Triumph Residential Services, LHRC Affiliate  
Ms. Tamika Myrick, Triumph Residential Services, LHRC Affiliate  
Mr. Lola Shodeinde, Amazings Grace, LHRC Affiliate  
Mr. James Montoria, Simms Children Assistance Services, LHRC Affiliate  
Ms. Margaret Gwynn, A & C Alternative Care, LLC, LHRC Affiliate  
Mr. Jerry Von Poks, Poplar Springs Hospital, LHRC Affiliate  
Mr. Daryl Jefferson, We Care Residential Services, LLC, LHRC Affiliate  
Ms. Wilma Mullins, DBS Family Services, LHRC Affiliate  
Ms. Frances Hubbard, DBS Family Services, LHRC Affiliate  
Mr. Daniel Herr, Gateway Homes, LHRC Affiliate  
Mr. Mario Haskett, Y.E.A. (formally R.E.A.P.), LHRC Affiliate  
Ms. Catherine Harrison, Jireh House, LLC, LHRC Affiliate  
Mr. Kenneth Heath, FamMat Services, LLC, LHRC Affiliate

**Affiliate Members Absent:**

Ms. Eunice Blackwell, Savannah's House, LHRC Affiliate  
Ms. Audrey Campbell, ECCS, LHRC Affiliate

**Others Present:**

Ms. Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Advocate, Office of Human Rights

**I. Call to Order**

a) Mr. Nichols called the meeting to order at 2:32pm.

## **II. Approval of the minutes**

- a) Ms. McKeever-Davis moved to accept the May 2010 minutes as written; Ms. Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **III. Public Comments**

No public comment

## **IV. New Business**

R.E.A.P. LLC has changed ownership as of August 3, 2010. The program is under new ownership and a new name, Youth Excel and Advancement (Y.E.A.) and is requesting affiliation with this committee under the new name/ownership. Ms. McKeever-Davis made a motion to approve affiliation; Ms. Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **V. Old Business**

None

## **VI. Affiliate Reports**

- Savannah's House (absent)\*
- Triumph Residential
- Jireh House, LLC
- Empowerment Clinical Consulting Services (absent)\*
- FamMat Services, LLC
- Gateway Homes
- Specialized Youth Services of Va., Inc.
- Poplar Springs Hospital
- River City Residences
- Amazings Grace
- Simms Children Assistance Services (awaiting licensing approval)
- A & C Alternative Care, LLC
- DBS Family Services, Inc.
- R.E.A.P., LLC (no longer exists) is now known and affiliated under the name Youth Excel and Advancement (Y.E.A.)
- CVA Family Services (We Care Residential)

\*Savannah's House and ECCS did not present program reports as they were absent from the meeting.

Ms. McKeever-Davis motioned to accept the reports presented; Ms. Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **VII. Advocate's Report**

a) Ms. Flowers advised the committee and affiliates that the Crisis Wave Technique had come under scrutiny as a behavior management system and was forced to modify some of their techniques. Any agency that uses this method will need to provide additional training for employees so the questionable/concerning techniques are not utilized. The memo from Mr. James W. Stewart, III, Commissioner of DBHDS was reviewed; this memo introduced *Creating Opportunities: A Plan for Advancing Community-Focused Services in Virginia*, a plan that identifies a number of targeted initiatives that DBHDS plans to address over the next 3.5 years. The memo distributed by SHRC in June of 2010 was also reviewed, detailing all of the recent budgetary cuts within the department and the stressors this poses to the LHRC and SHRC systems. New committees are not being formed at this time and existing committees are being asked to accept new affiliates as they make requests for affiliation. Additionally, the SHRC Newsletter *Human Writes* was distributed to members and affiliates. Ms. McKeever-Davis motioned to accept the advocate's report; Ms. Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **VIII. Closed Session**

There was no *closed session* during this meeting.

## **IX. Other Business**

a) Meeting date schedule remains the same currently with one remaining 2010 upcoming meeting scheduled for October 13, 2010. Additional meetings are tentatively scheduled for the 2011 year on February 9, 2011, May 11, 2011, August 10, 2011, and October 12, 2011.

## **X. Adjournment**

a) Ms. McKeever-Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried. The LHRC meeting was adjourned at 3:17pm.